

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:203

ANSWERED ON:25.07.2006

USE OF CHEMICAL/ BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS BY TERRORISTS

Rao Shri Kavuru Samba Siva

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the terrorists have acquired chemical and biological weapons and radioactivity gadgets for use against civilian population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up special police units in various States to identify and eliminate terrorists contemplating to acquire chemical and biological weapons;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of terrorists killed and arrested during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to check the acquisition of such weapons by the terrorists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): No such inputs have come to the notice of the Government.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): & (d): The Government has devised three standard operating procedures (SOPs) to deal with terrorist attacks involving use of Radiological, Nuclear materials, Biological Agents and Chemical Weapons (RNBC). These SOPs inter alia provide for preparedness by the concerned Ministries/Departments/Agencies and State Governments and Union Territories Administrations in terms of identification/annual review of potential targets, formation and training of specialist response teams, training of fire service and state police personnel etc.

SOPs for responding to terrorist attacks using Chemical Weapons and involving use of Radioactive Materials have been circulated to the concerned Ministries/Departments/Agencies/Governments and Union Territory administrations for drawing up their individual SOPs/Action Plans and also initiate necessary preparedness measures as mentioned in the said SOPs.

For out of the eight battalions of the National Disaster Response Force Have been earmarked for specifically for RNBC disaster/terrorist strikes.

(e): Does not arise in view of answer to part(a).

(f): The establishments and institutions where such Radiological and Nuclear materials and Chemical and Biological agents are produced or procured for use have adequate failsafe security stipulations to check such items from being procured by unauthorized persons.